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Pizza Ranch shuts down

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The Maryville Pizza Ranch has closed down, seemingly without notice. Many of the workers said they had no idea it was going to happen so quickly.

Workers are not happy with what has been happening at Pizza Ranch, and they are now out of a job. Former employee Stormy Straugh said the building might be sold, and there were no warnings given to the employees.

“It laid off a lot of people — the people who make a living out of the building,” Straugh said. “I mean, I’ve got my apartment, I have my car, everything I own because of me working there. The out of nowhere ‘Hey, we all lost our jobs,’ so we have to basically go off a shortened paycheck and last paycheck quote ... So we’re going to be struggling and doing what we can.”

“So it kind of puts me in a bad situation because I’m the only one in the house bringing income into the household, and I’m only 17 and a senior in high school, so it’s a lot of stress not having a job.”

VICTORIA GOMEZ

FORMER EMPLOYEE

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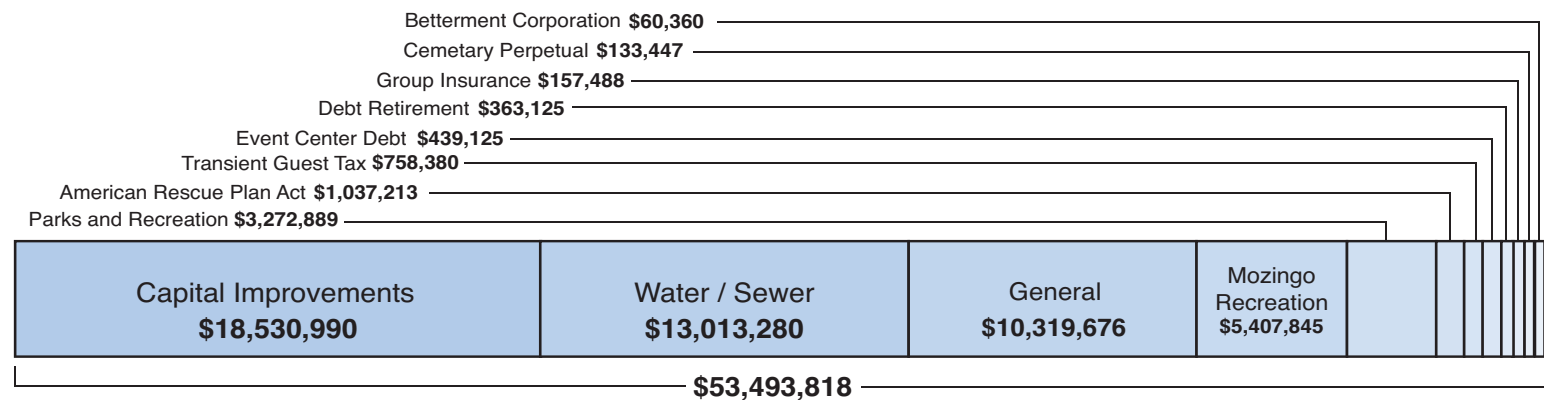
Former General Manager Kenneth Myers said he saw this coming because of the amount of money being lost by the business. Myers said every month the business was probably losing around \$40,000.

Myers said he received no training for his general manager position and was ultimately let go because the business was not seeing enough profit. He said with his lack of training and short time frame, it was not possible for him to make that turn around in just the around a month he was general manager. He said there was a lack of communication.

He said he was given the chance to stay at Pizza Ranch but decided not to because of the concerns he had. He said he made the choice best for him, even if he was struggling for food and not able to pay for all of his bills.

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MARYVILLE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET AFTER TRANSFERS



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City Council approves Fiscal Year ‘24 budget

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On the last business day of Fiscal Year 2023, the Maryville City Council amended the 2023 budget and approved the Fiscal Year 2024 budget at a special meeting Sept. 29.

Amending Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Finance Director Denise Town started the meeting off to make official changes based on the previous year’s spending and revenues.

“At the end of the year, staff goes through and reviews to see if there’s any instances where it’s close that the total fund expenditures less than contingency might exceed the expenditures that were originally budgeted,” Town said.

The General fund was increased by \$188,584, which Town said was mainly due to the increase of fuel purchase at the Northwest Missouri Regional Airport and attorney fees in municipal court.

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The other line items were changed to reflect actual spending versus what the anticipated spending was through the original budget approved in September 2022. The Parks and Recreation budget was increased by \$1,091. The Debt Retirement fund was brought up by \$2,271 because of money from sales tax that has expired, but that extra revenue is being transferred to Parks and Recreation for use at the Maryville Community Center.

The Maryville Betterment Corporation budget was amended, adding \$8,446 due to additional fees related to filing the Form 990, a Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax form. The Mozingo Recreation fund added \$228,400 for anticipated expenses with the renovations to the Mozingo Visitor’s Center.

The Capital Improvement fund was changed, removing \$7,215,667 due to grant funding for the second phase of the South Main Corridor Improvement Project. Town

said the FY 2023 budget assumed the start of Phase II on South Main Street, but there were many additional expenses that weren’t necessary, along with the grant money.

In April, the city was awarded a \$5.9 million Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity from the Department of Transportation. Phase II of the project includes more road improvements, like new curb lines, storm drains and water lines south of South Avenue.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

After multiple budget planning workshops and City Council meetings discussing the budget for FY 2024, City Manager Greg McDanel walked through multiple different budget items and goals.

McDanel said FY 2024 is the highest budget he’s seen in a long time, coming in at \$53,493,818.

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NW reports security and fire safety numbers, comparison

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The Annual Security and Fire Safety Report was sent out to students Sept. 21 with crime information on both Northwest campuses in Maryville and Kansas City, Missouri.

In the report, there is information on campus security and personal safety, with topics like crime prevention and fire safety. The report also compares the last couple of years with the 2022 year report. It is a part of the Higher Education Opportunity Act, which requires many universities in the northwest to provide this report.

University Police Chief Clarence Green said there has not been much of a change in the crime reports compared to the previous year, which would be the 2021 calendar year.

“If you look across all of the data trends, it is pretty comparable,” Green said.

The most significant changes were an increase in fondling crimes, the previous year being zero on-campus reports and last year there were six on-campus reports and a couple of different categories, like burglary and drug abuse violations, going down. There were significantly less liquor law violations, with 69 in 2022 and 104 in 2021 on campus.

“So it gives us some direction, but we’re not looking to build any action off of there because it doesn’t track some of the data that is most compelling to us

CLARENCE GREEN

UNIVERSITY POLICE CHIEF

Green said the importance of this report is the transparency it brings. He said it allows people to have access to all of the crime data that has occurred around campus and be able to take different safety precautions.

The University Police Department goes through a full process to get information for both Northwest campuses, which includes working with law jurisdictions in Kansas City and different offices on the Maryville campus.

“It’s a process where I work with many others across campus, like folks from Title IX,” Green said.

The report starts with the general safety and security procedures. This includes the drug and alcohol policy, reporting policies and drug and alcohol laws.

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Shirts line up outside the J.W. Jones Student Union for the Clothesline Project to represent the victims who were affected by interpersonal violence Oct. 2. ALEXIS STARKS PHOTO EDITOR



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A blue T-shirt hangs outside of the J.W. Jones Student Union, giving students something to reflect on as they walk by Oct. 2. The color blue on one of these T-shirts represents someone who has been involved in incest or child sexual violence.



ALEXIS STARKS PHOTO EDITOR
A purple shirt that reads “Love Always” hangs outside the J.W. Jones Student Union for students to look at as they walk by Oct. 2. The color purple represents victims who have been attacked based on their sexual orientation and gender identity.

Clothesline Project brings awareness for interpersonal violence survivors

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Outside of the J.W. Jones Student Union, 24 shirts hang, each made by someone who has been affected by interpersonal violence.

The Clothesline Project started in 1990 in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where people would decorate shirts as an avenue to bring awareness for violence against women. In the last 30 years, it has spread across the country, and Northwest is spreading the message.

Assistant Director of Wellness Education and Prevention Nikita Alimohammad said these instances of violence can and do happen on campus and in the community, and often it is swept under the rug.

“Oftentimes, you know, not a lot of cases get reported,” Alimohammad said. “Not a lot of people talk about it, and so the idea behind this is people

can share their thoughts, their opinions, their stories, also a kind of anything and everything on a T-shirt that then gets displayed on our campus.”

Each shirt has a different meaning. White shirts are for those who have died due to violence, yellow are those who have been assaulted, pink are for survivors of rape and sexual assault, blue is for survivors of incest or child sexual violence, purple is for those who have been attacked based on gender identity or sexual orientation and black is for people who have been permanently handicapped as a result of violence.

Alimohammad said this year students were encouraged to just take a shirt regardless of the color to show their support and share their stories.

“What I told people when they came to decorate those shirts, and to kind of be a part of the Clothesline Project was like, you don’t even have to be the one to experience the violence,” she said.

“Even if you know someone, even if you just know that it happens on our campus, that in and of itself is enough to bring you to the table to kind of have this conversation.”

The shirts will continue to hang outside of the Student Union until Oct. 6.

“My hope for the display would be for someone to walk by, even if they’ve never heard of the Clothesline Project, even if they’ve never seen anything like this before, they can read a couple of the shirts and that’s a conversation starter,” Alimohammad said. “Because what we need to be talking about is, is that it’s happening, and that we need to collectively come together to do something about it. We need to look out for each other. We need to care for each other.”

For more education on violence prevention, Wellness Services has added Suzanne Von Behren, a new violence prevention coordinator. She started the position Oct. 2.

International grocery store opened, owners talk trials

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Maryville’s newest business, Namaste India Co., has become essential for many in the community. The store, located at 408 N. Market St., next to the Chamber of Commerce, has seen many customers each day

since its opening Sept. 9.

Owner Ajay Bandi and his wife Sri Sailaja Kodali are dedicated to serving the community and promoting diversity, so they created a store that sells Indian grocery staples among other basic necessities. For Bandi and Kodali, seeing their business come to life has been a dream come true.

Over 1,000 students at Northwest are international students. Most international students come from India or other surrounding areas. That is one of the main reasons why the couple wanted to create Namaste India Co.

“Students would be able to get groceries for much cheaper price(s) than in other local stores,” Bandi said. “That’s why we keep prices on par with Kansas City and Omaha so that students don’t even have to drive there.”

Many international students spend a lot of time and gas money in order to get to larger cities to shop. Kodali said the business is helpful for them because they can spend their free time studying instead of traveling for hours just to get their groceries.

Neither Bandi nor Kodali had ever owned a business before, so the process of opening the store presented slight obstacles for them along the way. They needed to know the laws and rules, as well as how to obtain licenses for operating a store.

“It is lots of steps involved in that, and we are really particular in following those steps so that we don’t have any issues later on,” Bandi said.

Kodali feels confident in running a business because of her ancestors. She said they are business people. That did not mean the process came without trials, though. Kodali said

it’s quite challenging every day because they are both full-time employees in the morning. Running the business in the afternoon means they have less free time than they otherwise had.

Finding food suppliers was another huge step in the process because of the town’s location and size.

“We had a tough time in finding the right dealers as well because Maryville is a small town,” Kodali said.

Most suppliers rejected the idea because of Maryville’s small population in comparison to bigger cities, but finally, they found one who welcomed their proposal.

Another difficulty the couple faced was finding a building to run the shop in.

“We are very fortunate that we got this place. We want to acknowledge and thank (the) Chamber of Commerce,” Bandi said.

Bandi and Kodali are also thankful to everyone else who was involved in the creation of Namaste India Co. The pair was shown a couple of locations that they didn’t like, and that were not open to having an international business use their space. Eventually, they found their place right next door to the Chamber.

“Initially that is (a) surprise to me,” Bandi said. “They’re really open for international things. They welcome the diversity and the economic development with-

in the city of Maryville.”

He said the Chamber’s actions in providing them a space were helpful, kind and generous. Its actions also helped the company receive a broader audience for the couple’s business.

The location also suits the business’s needs, as it is fairly accessible and within walking distance for most individuals. However, if students cannot carry their groceries from the store to their homes, Namaste India Co. offers to drive students to their residences.

Kodali said as winter approaches, they are planning to offer door delivery in Maryville.

The store is open on weekdays from 3 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 7 p.m. Namaste India Co. offers a wide variety of foods including but not limited to various assorted nuts, rice, noodles, flours, lentil crackers, spices and seeds, jaggery, ghee, sweet desserts and snacks.

While some items are general Indian food staples, Kodali said the store is open for everyone, and all are welcome to come in and take a look at the products it sells and compare the prices to other, more expensive shops.

“We are looking for something that we can run the basic operating costs,” Bandi said. “We are not looking for higher profits.”

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NW to celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month

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Every October is LGBTQ+ History Month in the United States. During this time, citizens of the U.S. can appreciate and celebrate the history and culture behind the month.

Mehlville High School teacher Rodney Wilson, the founder of the history month, said there needed to be a month dedicated to the history of the LGBTQ+ community sexual minorities within the United States to explore the backlash and histories behind lesbian, gay and transgender individuals. When deciding a month with other teachers in his school, he chose October, a month where students would be in session.

Since then, many colleges and organizations around the U.S. support the month, including Northwest.

At Northwest, it is celebrated throughout the month with several events coordinated by Senior Coordinator Jessie Peter from the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Peter encourages other students, even if they are not part of the LGBTQ+ community, to join the events.

The sub message of “Love is Love” is explored through various educational opportunities the students and staff can participate and acknowledge. Interactive events include movies, bracelet making and speakers to showcase the importance of the month, and bring students together

Wednesday, Oct. 11

**Hayden Kristal:
LGBTQ+ Comedian
and Speaker**

7 p.m.
Charles Johnson Theater
Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building

Wednesday, Oct. 18

**Love is Love: Bracelet
Making**

6 p.m.
J.W. Jones Student
Union Boardroom

Wednesday, Oct. 25

Movie Night: Disclosure

6 p.m.
J.W. Jones Student
Union Boardroom

Friday, Oct. 27

Safe Zone Program

3 p.m.
J.W. Jones Student Union
Meeting Room A

to make a better community.

“This month provides an opportunity for the campus and community to learn more about and celebrate the history, culture and contributions of the communities,” Peter said.

Flag handouts from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 2 and Oct. 11 will take place at the J.W. Jones Student Union, where students are able to take a flag and display them with pride.

The romantic comedy “Bros”

will be shown at 6 p.m. Oct. 4, in the Boardroom of the J.W. Jones Student Union. The movie explores two gay men who avoid commitment but are attracted to each other regardless, a story about self acceptance.

Hayden Kristal, a LGBTQ+ comedian and speaker, will speak at 7 p.m. Oct. 11 in the Charles Johnson Theater in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. Her presentation is about intersectionality and diversity in her performance.

A “Love is Love” bracelet making from 6 p.m. Oct. 18 is an event where students can make bracelets with their pronouns and name, and will be in the Boardroom of the Student Union. “Disclosure: Trans Lives on Screen,” is a movie exploring the way transgender individuals are portrayed in films and will be the final movie of the month shown at 6 p.m. Oct. 25.

The final event of the month, a Safe Zone Program, will be at 3 p.m. Oct. 27 at Meeting Room A in the J.W. Jones Student Union. This program builds a safe space for sexual minorities on campus by LGBTQ+ identifying students, faculty and supporters.

All events are safe spaces for all students and staff to participate in, encouraging those interested to take a chance and visit. Regarding the events, any person on campus can make suggestions and events to other history or heritage months to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

New officer joins University Police Department

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The University Police Department recently added a new officer to its team. Danica Drake is a Northwest alumna with a Bachelor of Science in emergency and disaster management.

Northwest is predicted to be the ninth-safest college campus in Missouri for 2024, while its reputation for being a safe campus has been consistent for many years, according to Niche College Search. Because of UPD’s dedication to safety, the hiring process for new officers is thoughtful and highly selective.

Drake first came to the University with no intentions of joining law enforcement. In fact, she had no idea what she wanted to do when she first came to Northwest.

She started out majoring in international business and later in elementary education but realized neither career was for her. Drake started working for the department in 2021 as a student dispatcher. During that time, she discovered her passion for police work.

“I really enjoyed it,” Drake said. “I loved helping people.”

After talking to the officers and lieutenants, she applied for the officer position. Lt. Anthony Williams said UPD is essential for campus safety.

“We want to make sure our

students and staff, and then our visitors, feel welcome when they come here,” he said.

To make that possible, each application, complete with personal and job-related references, is evaluated extensively by many people. UPD looks for customer service skills in its applicants. This includes people who can talk, communicate well and work in a fast-paced environment.

Since Drake had already acquired years of experience working as a dispatcher for UPD, Williams said he knew she was a great communicator already.

During the hiring process, interviewers will ask the applicant basic questions to determine if they would be a good hire, but Williams said it’s the offset of things people say that they are actually looking for to help with the decision-making.

The next phase in the application process allows the community to have sway in the decision-making. UPD brings in a panel consisting of students, officers from other departments and law enforcement officials from UPD itself to go through another layer of interviews.

Finally, the applicant has an “informal conversation” with the Lieutenant(s) and the Chief of Police. Williams said they want to make sure they are getting the right people on the force. They will talk



AARON HARE PHOTOGRAPHER
New University Police Department Officer Danica Drake stands in front of a patrol car outside the campus police station. Drake, originally from Corning, Iowa, graduated from Northwest in fall 2022 with a Bachelor of Science in emergency and disaster management and a minor in psychology.

amongst each other to decide which person would be the right fit for the department.

So far, Drake is enjoying being an officer at UPD. Her favorite part about working on a college campus is getting to know everybody.

“People come from all over,” Drake said. “I learn new things from people every day, whether it’s from the students, faculty, staff — everybody.”

She said she loves getting to know people with different personalities, backgrounds and cultures.

Drake said one way people can help the community is to be aware of one’s surroundings, and if you see something, say something. People are also encouraged to apply to UPD if they also desire to serve in law enforcement.

“(We’re) always looking for good people, so if anybody wants to be a police officer, come work for us,” Williams said. “UPD’s the greatest.”

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Fall census shows record headcount

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The University has come out with its annual fall census report with a large increase in dual credit enrollment and graduate students. This year’s report shows another record breaking year with the highest enrollment rates, with over 10,000 students, the University has seen. The priliminary headcount this semester was 9,664 students, last year’s headcount was 8,505. This is a 13.6% increase between the years. Since 2018, the University’s headcount has grown by 40.9%.

Most of the areas of enrollmt increased, while the on-campus freshmen headcount decreased. International students increased by 21.4%, graduate students increased by 27.2% and dual credit enrollments increased by 67.1%. The enrollment rates also increased online by 15.9% Assistant Vice President of Admissions and Student Success Allison Hoffmann works to get these numbers together. Though the University’s undergraduate headcount is up by 5.5%, the freshmen numbers did go down by 5.5%. Last year, there were 1,095 and this year there are 1,035 freshmen. The trans-

fer numbers increased by 1.3%. “A key area of focus is undergraduate on-ground enrollment,” Hoffmann said in an email to The Missourian. Northwest students identifying with underrepresented groups or coming from other countries represent 22.4% of Northwest’s student population, which is a 17.6% increase. The domestic minority headcount is 12% of the student population. The international student population is at 11%, most of these students come from India, Nepal, Nigeria and South Africa. The in-state population increased 16.5% from last year,

and there are students from 46 of the 50 states at Northwest. There are also 1,730 students enrolled at Northwest - Kansas City, these students are in some sort of coursework in non-degree related or dual credit programs. Shortly after the census, the overall enrollment of Northwest students hit over 10,000 for the first time in school history. This was announced Sept. 28. This change happened within the dual credit, graduate and on-line sectors because they continue to fluctuate longer than some of the other numbers. The undergraduate headcount is 5,615, and the gradu-

CRIME LOG

for the week of Oct. 5

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Oct. 2
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Dieterich Hall.
There is an open investigation for fraud on campus.

Sept. 30
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in South Complex.

Sept. 29
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Tower Suites East.
There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in South Complex.

Sept. 27
There is a closed investigation for an accident with Lily S. Proctor, 19, in Parking Lot 2.

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Oct. 2
There was a found driver’s license on the 100 block of North Vine Street.

Sept. 30
There was a summons issued to **Enil G. Pineda**, 24, for not having a valid ID and failure to maintain right half of the roadway on the 2800 block of South Main Street.
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage on the 600 block of Maryvue Drive.
There is an ongoing investigation for property damage on the 1100 block of College Drive.
There is an ongoing investigation for stealing by deceit on the 1700 block of North Clayton Avenue.

Sept. 29
There was an accident between **Amy R. Holtman**, 44, and **Steven L. Cox**, 65, on the U.S. Highway 71 Bypass and East South Avenue.
There was an accident between **Victoria J. Lager**, 49, **Jonathon L. Davis**, 40, and Matthew D. Smith, 45, on the 1600 block of South Main Street. Lager was charged with careless and imprudent driving.
There was an accident between Carol D. Peters, 79, and **Skylar A. Mosser**, 19, on West Fifth Street and North Fillmore Street.
There was a summons issued to **Connor J. Burgess**, 21, for driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain financial responsibility and equipment violation on the 100 block of North Buchanan Street.

Sept. 28
There was an accident between **Karla R. Booker**, 49, and **Jennifer M. Winans**, 55, on the 1600 block of South Main Street.
There was an accident between **Edward A. Seipel**, 65, and **Kevin J. Peterson**, 61, on the 1500 block of East South Avenue.
There was an accident between **Michael W. Moyer**, 40, and **Don S. Shamberger**, 62, on the 1600 block of South Main Street.
There was an accident between **Sabrina G. Offutt**, 16, and **Beth M. Hornbuckle**, 43, on South Munn Street and State Route V.

Sept. 27
There was an accident between **Janet R. Buschmeyer** and an unknown driver on the 500 block of East Seventh Street.

CITY COUNCIL

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The next fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1, outlines different strategic goals for the upcoming year. The city plans to focus on efficiently implementing improvements to South Main Street, enhancing efforts for downtown revitalization, financing and constructing a new water treatment plant, investing in infrastructure and facilities and planning for Maryville’s future. The budget also includes a 5% cost of living adjustment for employees along with additional merit opportunities and a 15% adjustment for health insurance premiums. The budget also assumes there will be a full city staff working at maximum hours.

General Fund
In the General fund, there are six different revenues and expenditures highlighted. The first is the revenue from the 3% sales tax on recreational marijuana that will start Oct. 1. The budget anticipates the city bringing in \$231,000. There will also be a comprehensive plan update, which is budgeted for \$150,000, and Public Works equipment and replacement which plans for \$125,200. “Public Works equipment replacements in the amount of \$125,000, which includes a new fleet vehicle plus some associated maintenance items,” McDaniel said. The general fund also outlines a salary increase for law enforcement, coming from the American Rescue Plan Act fund, for an overall number of \$83,000. Two of the costs outlined in the fund are also being supported by grants. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provided Maryville with \$211,000 for cleanup work on the Aunt B’s property at 602 S. Main St. The site operated as a gas station from 1951-2005, and is now contaminated with petroleum. The second project being supported by a grant is the community hangar at the Northwest Missouri Regional Airport. The cost of that project is budgeted for \$1.3 million, but McDaniel

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“I saw this happening in the future where they’re just closed down, and because I saw that I said, ‘I’d take the general manager position,’ I was trying to save employees’ jobs by doing that as best as I could,” Myers said. “And, within about a month, they asked me to step down, even though I had no training, and I didn’t really have time to do anything.”

REPORT

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Green described the report as directional. The report does not include things like well-being checks and mental health reports. “So it gives us some direction, but we’re not looking to build any action off of there because it doesn’t track some of the data that is most compelling to us,” Green said. Green said the department is putting more resources into domestic violence because it is something he wants to improve the resources on. The department has recently applied for a grant from the Office on Violence Against Women for more resources. It has also brought in another counselor that responds to calls out of its office. Green also said it is hard to get all of the reports for issues like sexual assault



ALEXIS STARKS PHOTO EDITOR
City Manager Greg McDaniel explains Maryville’s budget highlights for Fiscal Year 2024. He said that this will be the highest budget the city has seen in a long time, coming in at a total of \$53,493,818.

said it is offset by \$1.2 million from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program through Non-Primary Entitlement funds. The hangar is planned to be used mainly for long-term storage for local community members who want to store their planes.

Water and Sewer fund
The Water and Sewer fund will see a 3% increase in revenues after an increase in water rates that will be implemented in January 2024. These rates will reflect on bills in February 2024. McDaniel also highlighted many other items in the budget, like the Section 319 Watershed Project, on-call concrete replacement and the Water Distribution Master Plan. The cost of many of those plans are being offset by grants. The budget lines highlighted at the meeting also included many renovations to Mozin-

High school students and former employees Victoria Gomez and Emily Clipson said this has affected them negatively as well. Clipson said she never even received a call about the restaurant being closed. “I don’t have a job anymore, until further notice they won’t be open,” Gomez said. “So it kind of puts me in a bad situation because I’m the only one in the house bringing income into the household, and I’m only 17 and a senior in highschool, so it’s a lot of stress not having a job.”

because it is not reported at the same rate it happens. “Here’s what we know, one in four women that’s in college between the age of 18 and 24 are sexually assaulted while they’re here, we receive four reports,” Green said. This means the department knows there are more cases of sexual assault than are actually being reported and would like to see more people reporting incidents. He said he wants students to be more comfortable to come forward and report these things and the department is working hard every day to make that possible. This report is required federally to be put out by the University every year. It allows the University to keep its Title IV funding, which goes to many different parts of the University, like the Pell Grant, and allows other grants or loans to students.

go Lake Recreation Park. Some of the projects include the North RV Expansion for \$610,000 and a multipurpose boat for \$47,000. “(It is) for not only law enforcement purposes, but also for application of outside treatments at the lake,” McDaniel said. **Transient Guest Tax fund**
The Transient Guest Tax fund includes website development, Placer AI software, wayfinding signage, the Downtown Pavilion Project and the leasing agreement for the use of the Carl and Cheryl Hughes Fieldhouse. The tax was voted on and approved in 2016 and allows there to be a tax on all sleeping rooms paid by guests of hotels, motels and licensed lodging facilities. The main goal of the tax was to promote tourism to Maryville through assisting Northwest with funding the construction of the fieldhouse and the creation of the Tourism committee.

Gomez said she is struggling to find a job and figure out how to pay bills for the next couple of months because of losing her job at Pizza Ranch so suddenly. She said she received a call a little before her shift the day the restaurant closed, saying the restaurant had shut down and she was out of a job. The former staff said they tried to get more ads and exposure out for the business, but were told no even when they offered to pay for the ads themselves. All of these employees

American Rescue Plan Act fund

Maryville ARPA funds were also highlighted when going over the budget, including storm debris removal, the Downtown Pavilion Project, a water sewer rate study update, Depot Street improvements and the construction of Sunrise Bark Dog Park. The city has been working toward the addition of a dog park, with the most recent step of approving an agreement for engineering services with Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers. The \$33,304 contract plans for a 250-by-250 foot park to go in across the street from the New Nodaway Humane Society. The budget for FY 24 outlines \$75,000 for this project. This fund also outlines allocating \$150,000 in additional funds to the Downtown Facade Improvement Grant program. This program allows for business owners in the city to request funds to make improvements to storefronts, window replacements, exterior improvements and more. Commercial businesses can apply for a 50% grant match not to exceed \$25,000, while nonprofits can request up to \$50,000 for a 50% match.

Capital Improvement fund
Many different projects were outlined in the Capital Improvement section of the budget, including the Downtown Pavilion project, the East Thompson Street Trail and the South Main Connector Trail. The largest, coming in at \$8,125,780, is Phase II of the South Main Corridor Improvement Project. Of the nearly \$22 million outlined in the nine projects McDaniel highlighted in the budget, all but two have a grant to assist with funding. Mayor Tye Parsons said a budget of this size and this many projects is no small feat. “I would challenge anyone to find a community the size of Maryville that is doing the volume of work and the complexity of projects that we’re doing,” Parsons said. “The upcoming year we’ll set a bar that will be hard to surpass.”

agreed that they do not believe Pizza Ranch will open up again in Maryville. Though the Facebook post and the message on its number says until further notice. “It is painful because we’re kind of like a big family there,” Clipson said. The Northwest Missourian has tried to contact Pizza Ranch to get its response with two calls through the Maryville number, two calls through corporation, an email and two Facebook messages, which were seen and no response.



ONKARABETSE KOIKANYANG PHOTOGRAPHER
The Chief of University Police Clarence Green sits in an interview as he defines the state of the University’s fire security, mentioning how the department is looking at ways to improve it.

Support is a big part of battling addiction



SIDNEY LOWRY
Columnist
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Living with a loved one who has an addiction is like being under a constant tornado warning. You may not hear any sirens, but the sky darkens, the wind howls and sticks hit the outside of the house.

This was something I felt for a long time. I could see the sky darken when they drank, I could feel the wind howling when they talked to me and the sticks as they walked away.

Nearly every relative of mine has told me that it's not their fault, my loved ones were battling a disease. Every time I heard that, anger built. I thought 'it was their choice to drink,' so how could they not stop?

Years passed and with every relapse I became more resentful. The anger that had been simmering inside me finally boiled over.

The echo that addiction is a disease was in the back of my mind at every point in the day.

I had to change my way of thinking. I had spent years believing that this wasn't a disease because it was something they chose.

I had to realize that the substance was taking over the person I loved. They weren't choosing it, they were overtaken by their addiction and made decisions they normally wouldn't. It truly is a disease, and one that is hard to overcome.

While addiction isn't a choice, finding help is and admitting you need help isn't easy to do. I resent the decisions my loved ones made while they were overcome by addiction, but I had to be proud of their choice to make a change.

There are resources out there to help people battling addiction. Something I learned was that I had to be a part of that process. I had to be there, whether it was day one of being sober or day 100.

Celebrating their sobriety and not blaming them for what happened while they were under the influence is crucial in supporting loved ones through their journey to long term sobriety.

Counseling isn't just for the person with an addiction, it is a helpful resource to those living through the same problem, just on the opposite side of it.

If you don't feel comfortable going right into those meetings, do everything you can to learn more about addiction. The more you are able to understand and manage your own feelings, the more you are able to understand and help your loved ones.

As much as I hated it, relapsing is a part of the process, too. Up to 60% of people who go through rehab end up relapsing at least once. During that time, it was hard for me to not lecture them on why this was harmful and how they needed to stop. There are over 21 million Americans who suffer from addiction, each with people who care about them. It is difficult when someone has done damage because of their addiction, but being supportive is essential.

I think how addiction has impacted the people I love and how everyday they face an uphill battle, but I know that being a part of their road to recovery is a vital role I have to play.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat needs their water bottle

I will admit, I am a person who has an emotional support water bottle. There's just something about carrying around a metal bottle that still keeps water cold, even after it's two days old.

My water bottle goes with me everywhere — to work, to class and even when I go home for the weekend. If I forget it, my entire day is ruined, and I can barely function. I might as well stay in bed all day.

I have fallen asleep with my water bottle in my bed be-

fore. It will always be there for me no matter what. This water bottle has seen me at my best and my worst. At this point, it's almost a licensed therapist.

I have dropped and accidentally thrown this bottle, and it is still going strong. It's still beautiful even with the scrapes and scratches I've inflicted upon it. My water bottle has supported me more than anyone else, and I appreciate it so much.

This water bottle will be at my wedding. Screw the bou-

quet of flowers, I want my pink water bottle with ice cold water in it in my arms as I walk down the aisle.

Don't even worry, it's even one of the environmental bottles that when you buy it, money gets donated to save the trees. Together, we're saving the environment — one full bottle of water at a time.

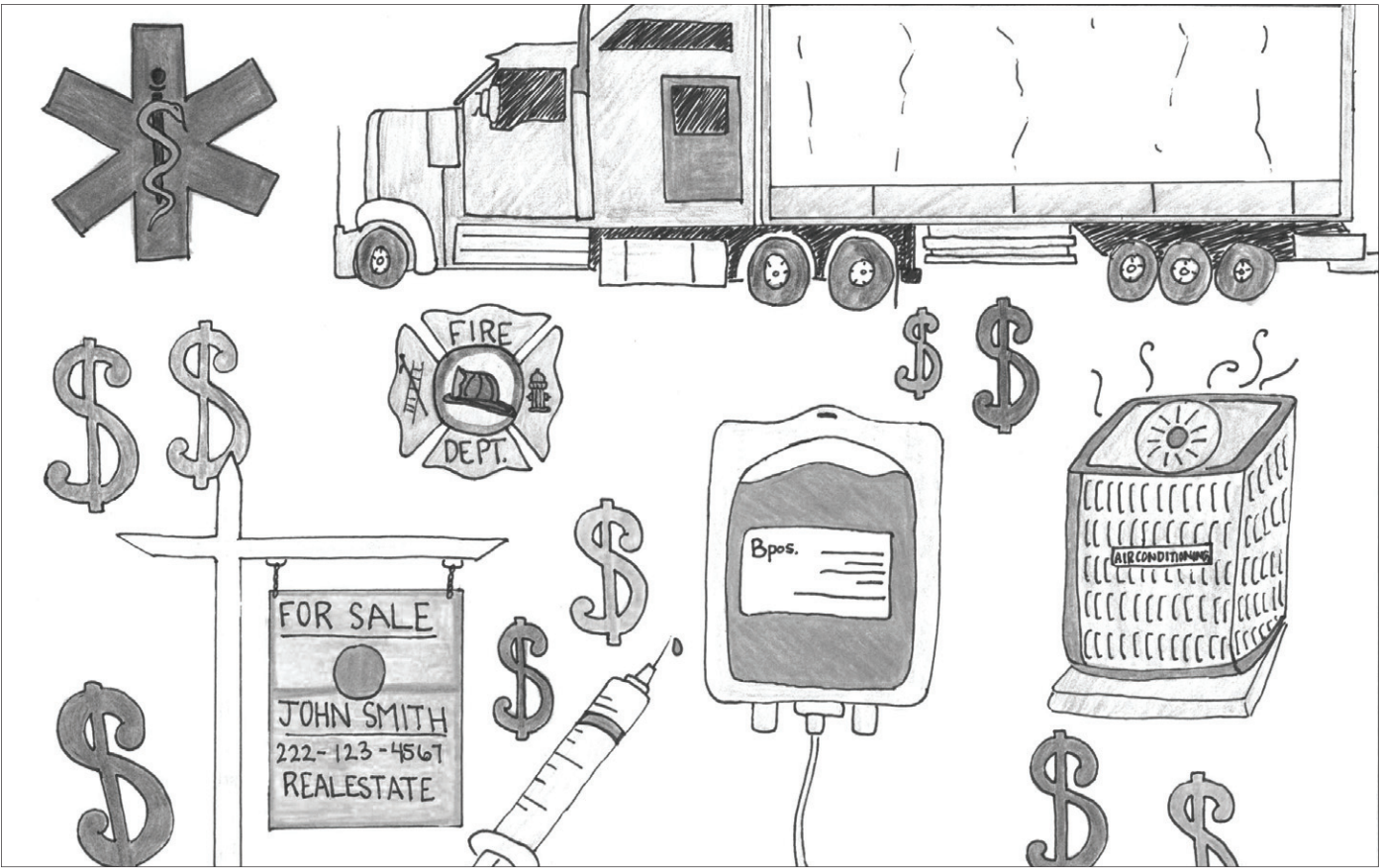
My bottle will never go behind my back or do me wrong. I will never have to worry about it leaving me. It supports me

emotionally at all times.

When I think of a dynamic duo, my first thought isn't a classic duo like Batman and Robin, but it's my water bottle and me. We might be the best duo to ever exist.

My water bottle is my best friend, and I love it more than almost everything.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of the Northwest Missourian.



HAILEY JOHNSON-NEESER CARTOONIST

OUR VIEW:

Northwest should consider adding more certifications

Many people are worried about the decline of enrollment at higher education institutions, and Northwest is not exempt from that despite the continued overall headcount increase.

The decline in high school students attending university or students transferring to a four-year college from a two-year college has accelerated since 2010, and even more following the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, first-time freshmen enrollment has declined at Northwest, dropping by 5.5% this fall.

A four-year college degree was not worth the cost to 56% of adults, according to a study done by the Wall Street Journal and NORC at the University of Chicago. With the majority of people who are in college, or have gone to college, not believing it is worth it in the end, coming up with a solution to the lack of desire for a degree is important for Northwest's longevity.

The University has already started looking at ways to combat this problem, talking about making connections with students at a younger age to encourage them to go to college, but looking at other educational programs may be the answer.

Along with the renovations to the McKemy Center for Lifelong Learn-

ing, new certification programs are being developed. This is a step in the right direction.

Adding these programs allows people to be trained in skills for a specific career field or industry. They are also shorter than a four-year degree, leading to a higher completion rate. Though it doesn't guarantee Northwest the same enrollment and financial security of having a student on campus for four years, it is an alternative option for those who aren't considering a degree at all.

Many people after the pandemic went right into full-time jobs, or were deterred from higher education because of high tuition and the prospect of student debt, according to the Public Broadcasting Service. With the option of completing a shorter program with a smaller price tag that can directly translate into a field people are already working in, it could cause people to actually consider postsecondary education.

Of the 45.3 million borrowers, the average federal student loan debt is \$37,338 per person, according to the Education Data Initiative. For those who attend certificate programs, the average debt is \$10,000, according to a study done by the Texas Policy Foundation.

For those who went straight into the workforce after high school, offering a certification program to help them excel further into a career path they've already started is more appealing than starting a bachelor's degree.

During the Aug. 4 Board of Regents meeting, Northwest President Lance Tatum talked about the possibility of adding new terminal degree options, meaning adding in new programs that would allow students to reach the highest-level degree they can in a certain field.

Rather than looking to bring new master's degrees and doctoral programs, Northwest should first consider the possibility of adding more certification courses.

There are certification courses in project management, marketing, supply chain, HVAC mechanics, sales, computer networking, health care and more.

The bottom line is that college isn't getting less expensive, and a bachelor's degree isn't gaining more value, so people are looking for alternatives to a traditional four-year degree track. Adding in more certification programs will bring in a different demographic of students, and potentially raise overall enrollment even if it is not in the traditional on campus undergraduate section.

YOUR VIEW:

If you had the option to do a two year certification program over a four year degree, would you?

NORA PAULSON
Senior
General Chemistry



"I feel like for two year degrees, they probably don't get the background that four years do. We at Northwest have the opportunity to take other classes that aren't necessarily specific to our major so it's really nice to be well-rounded."

SKYLER STAMPS
Sophomore
Sports Media



"Definitely four years. I could've graduated early, but I just added a minor so I'd like to stay the full four years at Northwest and get the education that I need before going out into the workforce. I want to enjoy college life while I can."

JEEVAN KUMARI
Graduate Student
Computer Science



"If I had the option, I would still like to study at school for four years. I love the environment at Northwest, it feels like home to me."

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Boys soccer readies for rematch

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Maryville boys soccer will compete in the KC Showcase Oct. 5-7 at Pembroke Hill High School in Kansas City, Missouri. The Spoofhounds will once again meet Barstow at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 after being given their first loss of the season by the Knights in 3-2 fashion Sept. 2.

Last season in the KC Showcase, the Spoofhounds had two matches, including a 7-0 win against St. Paul Lutheran (Concordia) Oct. 6, 2022, and a 4-2 loss against Barstow Oct. 7, 2022. This season, as well as the Knights, the Spoofhounds will compete against Lincoln College Prep at 4 p.m. Oct. 5 and Pembroke Hill at 7 p.m. Oct. 7. First-year coach Matt Stoecklein said he is anticipating the rematch and so are his captains, such as senior goalie Jaxon Staples and senior midfielder Kason Teale.

“We took a hard loss in the first game (against Barstow),” Staples said. “We didn’t play our best to our abilities the first time around, but (we’re) looking forward to getting a chance to come back at them.”

“From that game (Barstow), the score looks like we lost, but we lost to overtime. But this time around, I’m hoping we can beat them by a few goals,” Teale said.

The KC Showcase will be the Spoofhounds’ third tournament this season, as they claimed first place in the Excelsior Tournament Sept. 9. Additionally, they earned second in the Barstow Soccer Tournament after their



Maryville boys soccer senior midfielder Kason Teale dribbles the ball down the pitch during the 4-0 win against St. Joseph-Benton Oct. 3. Teale scored and assisted two of the goals during the match.

ALEXIS STARKS PHOTO EDITOR

loss to the Knights.

With recent big wins over Midland Empire Conference foes, including 9-1 against Cameron Sept. 21, 5-0 against Bishop LeBlond Sept. 28 and 4-0 against St. Joseph-Benton Oct. 3. The Spoofhounds will meet the Cardinals again in their last regular season match Oct. 25.

As the season progresses toward districts for the Spoofhounds, they have been one of the best teams in the area. They’re first in Class 1 District 8 with a 10-1 record and are on an eight-game win streak.

Maryville has won three district championships the past

three years, and the Spoofhounds have their eye on another one. But, before the Class 1 District 8 Tournament Oct. 30-Nov. 1, there are still four more regular season matches — all against Midland Empire Conference foes.

The Spoofhounds are 4-0 over conference opponents this campaign.

With the Spoofhound offense scoring an average of 3.63 goals per match and the defense holding its foes to 0.81 goals per contest this season, both sides have found success. Maryville has scored five or more goals in its last three matches. The Spoofhounds’ win over the Cardinals marks

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KC Showcase

Oct. 5-7

Kansas City, Missouri

MHS vs. St. Pius X

5 p.m. Oct. 12

Kansas City, Missouri

their sixth shutout of the year.

Only one of the Spoofhounds’ remaining matches will be at home against Savannah at 4 p.m. Oct. 16 at Bearcat Pitch. It won’t just be any home match, though, as it will be Maryville’s senior night. The Spoofhounds are a perfect 3-0 at home this season.

CONSISTENCY

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Northwest will then travel to face Kearney (15-1), where the Bearcats hope to give the Lopers their second loss of the season. Northwest split its matches against Kearney last season, falling 3-0 in the first matchup, then claiming a 3-1 victory during the two teams’ second meeting.

The Bearcats will see a familiar face when

“

We haven't played a good fifth yet, like we haven't put one together that we feel really good about.”

AMY WOERTH

COACH

they face the Lopers. Former Northwest right-side Jaden Ferguson transferred to Kearney over the offseason. Junior middle hitter Avery Kemp said the ‘Cats are excited to face their former teammate.

“It’s good to just flush out last weekend and use it to kind of motivate us to take down Kearney,” Kemp said. “It’s like Amy (Woerth) said: It’s bittersweet. We miss her as a teammate, but we also don’t want her to do very well against us. We’re excited to get after it in practice this week and be prepared.”



AARON HARE PHOTOGRAPHER

Northwest soccer sophomore midfielder/defender Siri Ott chips the ball during the second half of the Sept. 24 loss against Central Missouri.

HOME

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Coach Marc Gordon said the Ichabods have been doing well recently in executing their plays and moving the ball. He said the Bearcats are preparing for them to come out fast and confident.

Northwest is going into the weekend looking to respond after losing to Fort Hays State 1-0 Sept. 29, and tying Nebraska-Kearney 0-0. Gordon said although the team didn’t get the results it was looking for, it wasn’t through a lack of effort.

“We conceded a goal early at Fort Hays — in the first three minutes of the match,” Gordon said. “I thought we showed a lot of character and continued to work and put ourselves in some really good situations, but we just couldn’t execute and finish the ball. But, I’m very proud of the

effort to stay focused and continue to play until the final whistle.”

The Bearcats are working on their shots in preparation for the weekend. Northwest has not scored a goal in the last 317 minutes of play. The Bearcats outshot the Lopers 13-7 but were only able to place six shots on goal. Gordon said the big problems for the Bearcats are shot technique and overthinking.

“You know, not always having to try and find the perfect shot but finding the window that the ball can see the goal,” Gordon said. “Just taking more chances. Like, I always want us to shoot, be mindful of conditions, winds and those kinds of things and where we’re at in the field and what kind of ball it needs to be given just based on what a defense offers us to create that shooting moment.”



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Spoofhound softball set to end regular season



ALLISON DUARTE PHOTOGRAPHER
Maryville softball junior designated hitter Emma Alej hones in on the pitch from a Savannah opponent as she prepares to swing. The Spoofhounds lost to the Savages for the second time this season with a final score of 12-2 on Oct. 3.



ALLISON DUARTE PHOTOGRAPHER
Maryville softball junior pitcher Emma Sprague throws toward first for an out against Savannah during the 12-2 loss Oct. 3.



ALLISON DUARTE PHOTOGRAPHER
Maryville senior shortstop Ella Schulte rounds third toward home at the Spoofhounds' game against Savannah Oct. 3.

TANNER HUDNALL
Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

Maryville softball's offensive struggles continued against Savannah Oct. 3. The Spoofhounds have now lost three consecutive games. During the recent losing streak, Maryville's offense has been limited, being held to five combined runs against North Platte Oct. 2 and Savannah.

The 'Hounds dropped the contest, 12-2, Oct. 3. Junior pitcher Emma Sprague started the game for the Spoofhounds. Senior second baseman Aliya Farmer and junior catcher Alyssa Cunningham drove in the only two runs for the offense.

Maryville has three games remaining in the regular season with two of them at home. Through six home contests this season, the Spoofhounds are 1-5. Farmer said she has been disappointed with the outcomes so far this season.

"Not as well as we hoped heading into the season," Farmer said. "We are hoping to come back in the next few games and get some late-season momentum."

Some momentum could be helpful for the 'Hounds as they will soon be looking for their first district win since 2019 when they defeated Bishop LeBlond 15-0.

The tough seasons are familiar for the Spoofhound program, as the last time the team finished a season above the .500 mark was in 2018. They have lost at least 11 games in each season since 2018, with 21 in 2021.

This season, the Spoofhounds are under a new regime with coach Tyler Nickerson in his first year at the helm. Cunningham has noticed a culture shift in the program.

"Our practices are a little more laid back, we play to have fun and win and we are held more accountable for what we do in the games," Cunningham said.

The culture shock hasn't produced consistent success in the win column just yet, but Nickerson said he is building a pro-

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5:30 p.m. Oct. 5
Maryville High School

MHS vs. DeKalb
5 p.m. Oct. 9
Maryville High School

gram of future success for players to buy into. The Spoofhounds are a young team with only two seniors leaving the team after this season.

Nickerson has laid the building blocks for the program, and he said he preaches confidence and an enjoyment of the game to his players. He said he makes sure his players keep their heads held high and take everything one play at a time. Cunningham said she has been impressed with the effort that Nickerson brings out in the team.

"The season has gone pretty good for what we have," Cunningham said. "We are a young team, and we're just doing what we can this season."

Before districts, the Spoofhounds will continue to be tested at home with games against South Harrison (19-6) Oct. 5 and DeKalb (2-12) Oct. 9. Maryville has defeated the Bulldogs in six of the teams' last eight meetings. The Spoofhounds will also look to protect a five-game win streak against the Tigers.

With Maryville's recent skid, where the team has lost four of the last five games, there have been almost no opportunities to practice due to the amount of recent games. Nickerson's coaching ideals and tactics will continue to be tested. A recent addition to his continuous preaches of confidence and effort to his team, he said, has been intensity. His players have taken notice.

"The intensity in games later in the season is always a little bit higher," Farmer said. "It's been different this season with how coach Nickerson has talked to us and hyped us up during games."

Tournament, pair of home matches next for Maryville

AIDAN BROCKLEMAN
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As the regular season nears its end for Maryville volleyball, a busy schedule is coming up for the team. The Spoofhounds will play four competitions in the span of six days, Oct. 5-10.

The Class 3 District 16 Tournament Oct. 17-23 is coming up, but there is still work to be done for the Spoofhounds. With two of their next three upcoming matches against Midland Empire Conference teams with winning records, these will potentially be tough tests coming up for the 'Hounds.

4 straight losses Maryville volleyball has suffered against St. Joseph-Benton.

They'll be looking to finish strong to end the regular season, losing four of their last six. The Spoofhounds will match up against St. Joseph-Benton (8-6) at 6:15 p.m. Oct. 5 in Maryville and St. Pius X, who sit at 17-3 on the season, at 6 p.m. Oct. 10 at home.

Maryville will also play three different foes in the Lawson Spikefest Oct. 7. Senior middle hitter Ava Dumke said she is ready for the match against Benton.

"We are really excited to play. We moved around players, and (we're) ready to play them again before districts when it matters, and it is important to win because it is the pink-out game,

and we're excited to see how it goes," Dumke said.

Maryville (9-14-2) and Benton faced off in the first match of the season, with the Cardinals winning 3-2 over the Spoofhounds Aug. 28. With Benton in the same district as Maryville, this will potentially be a crucial match for seeding. The Spoofhounds will look to snap a four-game losing streak to the Cardinals.

Maryville's final non conference match of the regular season will be against South Harrison (4-11) at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 in Bethany, Missouri. The Spoofhounds have defeated the Bulldogs five consecutive times. Last season, the 'Hounds swept South Harrison Oct. 10, 2022.

The Lawson Spikefest in Lawson, Missouri, will be the Spoofhounds' fourth and last tournament before districts. Coach Alyssa Rezac, former Northwest volleyball player, in her first year with Maryville, is preparing her team for the busy schedule and districts.

"We're working on unforced errors and taking care of our side of play to help against these better teams," Rezac said. "Hopefully this will help with the rest of the season."

After the Lawson Spikefest, the Spoofhounds will return home for their match with the Warriors. Maryville has lost three in a row to Pius. This will be the two teams' first meeting this season after they played against each other twice in 2022.

Recent matches have been on and off for the Spoofhounds, losing two of the last three. They lost to Cameron 3-1 Sept. 21 and to Savannah Sept. 28, 3-0. They defeated Lafayette-St. Joseph 3-0 Sept. 25, and they didn't allow the Fighting Irish to come close to win-



AARON HARE PHOTOGRAPHER
Maryville volleyball freshman middle hitter Claire Walter tips the ball over the net during the team's Oct. 3 practice. The Spoofhounds are practicing for their next match against St. Joseph-Benton after what was meant to be the team's last game against Mid-Buchanan Oct. 2 was canceled.

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MHS vs. St. Joseph-Benton
6:15 p.m. Oct. 5
Maryville High School

Lawson Spikefest
9 a.m. Oct. 7
Lawson, Missouri

MHS vs. South Harrison
7 p.m. Oct. 9
Bethany, Missouri

MHS vs. St. Pius X
6 p.m. Oct. 10
Maryville High School

MHS vs. Chillicothe
7 p.m. Oct. 12
Maryville High School

ning a set, maintaining a shutout through the entire match.

Maryville will finish the regular season at home with a match against Chillicothe (12-5) Oct. 12. The Hornets are also a conference and district foe for the Spoofhounds. Maryville has defeated Chillicothe nine consecutive times.

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Northwest football senior quarterback Mike Hohensee talks to the offense in the team's 41-38 loss to No. 21 Central Missouri Sept. 30. With three against the Mules, Hohensee is tied for No. 10 in program history for career passing touchdowns with 45.

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'Cats await former coach's return

WESLEY MILLER
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Northwest football has played 115 home games since the program changed the site's name from Rickenbrode Stadium to Bearcat Stadium in 2004. For 39 of them, Adam Dorrel was the coach on the Bearcats' sideline, but, when Central Oklahoma comes to town Oct. 7, he'll be on the other side for the first time.

Dorrel, who is now in his second season with the Bronchos, coached Northwest from 2011-2016 and guided the program to three national championships, four MIAA regular season titles and six consecutive Division II playoff appearances.

Bearcat seventh-year coach Rich Wright, whose teams have claimed three conference titles and five-straight postseason berths, has been at the helm of the program since Dorrel departed in December 2016. Wright has known Dorrel since 1996 when Wright started as a graduate assistant and Dorrel was in his third of four seasons as an offensive line-

man for the Bearcats. Wright said he expects a good game for when he and Dorrel reunite.

"We're just friends," Wright said. "I mean, we talk all the time. You know, we're gonna go to battle for three hours ... but at the end of that, you know, first and foremost, we're good friends. And, so, he was excited to come back to Maryville because he saw the extended forecast and it was going to be 60 degrees."

It'll be the second meeting between Wright's Bearcats (2-3) and Dorrel's Bronchos (2-3), as Central Oklahoma upset then-No. 2 Northwest 23-14 Sept. 24, 2022.

Northwest's top rush defense in the MIAA, allowing 69 yards per game — 11th in Division II — will match up with the conference's No. 2 rushing offense, averaging 198 yards per contest. The Bronchos' rush attack is led by the nation's ninth-leading rusher, junior running back Trevon Woolfolk, who has 535 yards this season — second in the MIAA.

Bearcat sophomore running back Jay Harris is also familiar with success on the ground this season, too, as he is No. 5 in Division II with 568 rushing yards — best in the conference.

"Jay's a quality back," Wright said. "He's

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Bearcat Stadium

big, he's physical, he punishes people, but, in the open field, he can run, and he's been very consistent."

Northwest is looking to rebound after its comeback attempt fell short in a 41-38 loss to No. 21 Central Missouri (4-1) Sept. 30. The team's record of 2-3 is its worst since it finished 0-11 in 1994.

After trailing 24-3 at halftime, the Bearcats scored on four consecutive drives to start the second half, eventually tying the game at 31 all. However, scores on back-to-back drives by the Mules late in the fourth quarter — combined with a couple short possessions by the Bearcat offense — put the game away for good.

SEE RETURN | A6

Northwest hopes for consistency in five-set showdowns

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Northwest volleyball looks to bounce back from a heart-breaker as it prepares to take on Fort Hays State at 6 p.m. Oct. 6 in Hays, Kansas, and No. 9 Nebraska-Kearney at 3 p.m. Oct. 7 in Kearney, Nebraska.

The Bearcats are going on the road again after splitting a pair of five-set matches, defeating Emporia State 3-2 Sept. 29, then falling to No. 15 Washburn 3-2 Sept. 30. Coach Amy Woerth said she was happy with the win in a tough atmosphere against the Hornets and the drive the players showed while down 2-0 against the Ichabods.

"You know, every single set (against Washburn), except the second set, was almost in the extra (points)," Woerth said. "So, that's fun to be able to have that feel in the fourth set — when our backs against the wall — to be able to get it done, and we were



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Northwest volleyball freshman right side hitter/middle hitter Gabrielle

able to get it done in the fourth. We haven't played a good fifth yet, like we haven't put one together that we feel really good about. Even in Emporia, it was a little iffy in that piece."

The Bearcats are trying to improve their point scoring and serving. Woerth said the servers for the Bearcats need to be more aggressive, and the hitters need to become more comfortable hitting into and off of blocks.

Northwest will start its road trip against Hays (7-8), who is heading into the game off a sweep over Newman Sept. 29. The last time the Bearcats and Tigers faced off ended with a 3-2 victory for Northwest Oct. 28, 2022. Woerth said the Bearcats are expecting chaos when they head to Hays.

"They can be either really hot

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3 p.m. Oct. 7
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NW vs. Central Missouri
6 p.m. Oct. 10
Warrensburg, Missouri

or really cold — there's not really kind of a middle ground for them," Woerth said. "We need to control our controllables at a high level, and, when they go on rounds, we need to stop them and slow down what they do best. But, a lot of the time it's the inconsistency that can get

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Northwest will move on to host Washburn (9-1), the top-ranked team in conference standings. The lone loss for the Ichabods came in 3-1 fashion from Missouri-St. Louis Sept. 3 — a team the Bearcats tied 2-2 Sept. 1.

Northwest soccer will be back at Bearcat Pitch to host Emporia State at 3 p.m. Oct. 6, and No. 25 Washburn at 1 p.m. Oct. 8.

Sophomore goalkeeper Lily Ellis said she's really excited to be playing at home again after a weekend away.

"I think we're trying to develop some confidence right now," Ellis said. "Just with the home energy — it brings a little bit of more confidence with us."

Northwest (3-4-3) will have its first test of the weekend against Emporia (3-4-3). The Hornets are visiting the Bearcats after having a hot weekend where Emporia gained two of its three victories this season. The last meeting between the two teams was in the semifinals of the 2022 MIAA Tournament. Emporia ended Northwest's eight-game win

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streak, defeating the Bearcats 1-0 Nov. 4, 2022.

Ellis, the reigning MIAA Goalkeeper of the Year, has totaled 17 saves in two career matches against the Hornets. She said Emporia has always been good competition for Northwest.

"With Emporia kind of ending our conference season last year, there's a little bit of fire to get that win out of them," Ellis said. "It's a game that usually goes their way, but hopefully this year we can really stick it to them, and it will go our way."

The last matchup between Washburn and Northwest ended in a 3-0 victory for the Bearcats in the 2022 conference tournament quarterfinals Oct. 30.

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